

**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:**

Amend the abstract found on the last page of the specification as filed as indicated below by double bracketing.

**ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A locking apparatus allows a user to lock and unlock a door even if the user loses a key. The locking apparatus involves a reduced number of parts and is easy to install on a door. [[

]]The locking apparatus has a lock driver [(7)] to electrically lock and unlock a door [(3)], a fingerprint read/verify unit [(9)] to receive a fingerprint from a user, verify the received fingerprint by comparing it with registered fingerprint data, and if the fingerprint verification authenticates the user, enable the lock driver to electrically operate, a key cylinder [(25)] attached to the door, an interlock [(35)] to interlock the key cylinder with the lock driver, and a key [(31)] to manually operate the lock driver in cooperation with the key cylinder and interlock.